Financial assistance to States to desaline water

1625. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States where salinity of water is more;

(b) the details of State Governments which have requested the Central - Government for financial assistance or technical assistance to desaline the water; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) As per available information, salinity in ground water has been observed in some areas in the States/Union Territories of Andhra.Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

(b) and (c) As per information furnished by the Department of Drinking Water Supply, under the Ministry of Rural Development, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep has requested for financial and technical assistance to desaline water which has been examined and is being processed for funding.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts 185(2004-05) of the Brahmaputra Board, Guwahati and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (2004-05) of the Narmada Control Authority, Indore and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (2004-05) of the National Water Development Agency New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. .SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): Sir, I lay on the Table:-

I.(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 21 of the Brahmaputra Board Act, 1980:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Brahmaputra Board, Guwahati, for the year 2004-05, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.